

Wednesday, March 8, 1995

Daily Digest

Highlight

House passed securities litigation reform bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3641–S3689

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 517, and S. Res. 85 and 86. **Pages S3680, S3681–82**

Measures Passed:

Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 86, to make effective the appointment of the Deputy Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S3685**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations/Defense: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, with certain excepted committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S3641, S3645–47, S3649–60, S3662–64, S3666, S3669–73**

Adopted:

(1) Simon Amendment No. 327 (to committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3), to reestablish funding for the National Security Education Trust Fund. **Pages S3654–55**

(2) Murkowski Amendment No. 328, to restrict the availability of funds for North Korea. **Pages S3656–58**

(3) Helms Amendment No. 329, to establish a limitation on emergency and extraordinary expenses. **Pages S3662–63**

Withdrawn:

Helms (Modified) Amendment No. 326 (to committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3), to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to develop a plan to support a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. **Pages S3641, S3645–47, S3649–54, S3664, S3666**

Pending:

Bumpers Amendment No. 330, to restrict the obligation or expenditure of funds on the NASA/Russian Cooperative MIR program. **Pages S3669–70**

Kassebaum Amendment No. 331 (to committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3), to limit funding of an executive order that would prohibit Federal contractors from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers. **Page S3672**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 9.

Appointments:

Glass Ceiling Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Minority Leaders, pursuant to Public Law 102–166, appointed Senator Snowe as a member of the Glass Ceiling Commission, vice Senator Coverdell, resigned. **Page S3641**

Congressional Award Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, the appointment of Senator Craig to the Congressional Award Board. **Page S3685**

Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95–521, appointed Thomas B. Griffith as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel, effective March 13, 1995. **Page S3687**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Council on the Aging for calendar year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–28) **Page S3679**

Transmitting the annual report and trade policy agenda on the Trade Agreements Program for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–29) **Page S3679**

Transmitting the annual report on the administration of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-30) Page S3679

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 18 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Messages From the President: Page S3679

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Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S3687.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for rural economic and community development programs of the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Michael V. Dunn, Acting Under Secretary of Small Community and Rural Development, Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Maureen A. Kennedy, Acting Administrator, Rural Housing and Community Development Service, Dayton J. Watkins, Acting Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 15.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for certain international organizations and programs, receiving testimony

from Madeleine K. Albright, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Geological Survey, receiving testimony from Gordon Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 15.

CORPORATE CREDIT UNION SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the status of the corporate credit union system, after receiving testimony from Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; James L. Bothwell, Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; James R. Bell, U.S. Central Credit Union, Overland Park, Kansas; Albert E. DePrince, Middle Tennessee State University, Nashville; and Edward J. Fox, Mid-Atlantic Corporate Federal Credit Union, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

DOMESTIC PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current situation and outlook for United States oil and gas production and imports and implications for national security, after receiving testimony from William H. White, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Charles J. DiBona, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute and the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association, and William L. Randol, Salomon Brothers, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; John Elting Treat, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; and David F. Work, Amoco Corp, Victor G. Beghini, Marathon Oil Company, and George A. Alcorn, Alcorn Exploration, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, all of Houston, Texas.

FEDERAL FOREST MANAGEMENT/FOREST SERVICE APPEALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings to review Federal forest management issues, focusing on the implementation of recent changes to the Forest Service administrative appeals process, receiving testimony from David Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Barry Rosenberg, Inland Empire Public Lands Council, Spokane, Washington; Jack R.

Tuholske, Western Ancient Forest Campaign, Missoula, Montana; James Rarick, Black Hills Forest Resource Association, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Anne E. Heissenbuttel, American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to reform the national welfare system, receiving testimony from Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; and Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

UNITED STATES-CHINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine certain implications involving the agreement between the United States and China to provide for enforcement of copyrights, trademarks, patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights in China, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Willard A. Workman, United States Chamber of Commerce, Jason S. Berman, Recording Industry Association of America, Eric H. Smith, International Intellectual Property Alliance, and Robert W. Holleyman II, Business Software Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform the Federal regulatory process, to make government more efficient and effective, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Gary J. Edles, General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States; Peter L. Strauss, Columbia University Law School, New York, New York; C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, on behalf of Citizens for a Sound Economy, Frederick L. Webber, Chemical Manufacturers Association, David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, Alan J. Krupnick, Resources for the Future, Joseph Goffman, Environmental Defense Fund, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan B. Wiener, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the health professions programs of the Public Health Service Act, focusing on the current status of the health professions and the Federal role in this area, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatfield; Philip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Gary L. Filerman, Pew Health Professions Commission, and Jordan J. Cohen, Association of American Medical Colleges, both of Washington, D.C.; David A. Kindig, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Madison; Reed V. Tuckson, University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, California; Larry R. Anderson, Wellington, Kansas, on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Allan Rosenfield, Columbia University, New York, New York, on behalf of the Association of Schools of Public Health; and Eleanor J. Sullivan, University of Kansas, Kansas City, on behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the implementation and enforcement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 and its impact on small business, and provisions of the proposed Regulatory Flexibility Amendments Act to allow judicial review of Federal agency compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, receiving testimony from Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Michael O. Roush, National Federation of Independent Business, David Voight, United States Chamber of Commerce, and John S. Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposals to restructure and streamline the Bureau of Indian Affairs, receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; John Washakie, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming, on behalf of the Joint Tribal Advisory Task Force on Reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; and W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 15.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1157–1176; 1 private bill, H.R. 1177; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76–77 and H. Con. Res. 34 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 108, providing for consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104–69, filed on March 7);

H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–70);

H.R. 1159, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–71); and

H. Res. 109, providing for further consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104–72).

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Railroad safety: Message wherein he transmits the 1993 annual report on the administration of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;

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Trade policy: Message wherein he transmits the 1995 Trade Policy Agenda and 1994 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; and

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Aging: Message wherein he transmits the Annual Report for 1994 of the Federal Council on the Aging—referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

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Federal Securities Litigation: By a recorded vote of 325 ayes to 99 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 216, the House passed H.R. 1058, to reform Federal securities litigation.

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By a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 251 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 215, rejected the Mar-

key motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing amendments to replace the loser pay provisions and to permit States and localities to continue to sue under existing law for three years.

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Agreed To:

The Eshoo amendment, as amended by the Cox of California substitute (substitute agreed to by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 173 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 210), that modifies the definition of “recklessness” by striking the exclusion of genuine forgetfulness and inserting language that provides instead that a situation in which an individual deliberately refrains from taking steps to discover whether one’s statements are false or misleading constitutes recklessness, but if the failure to investigate was not deliberate, such conduct shall not be considered to be reckless (agreed to by a division vote of 120 ayes to 73 noes);

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The Tauzin amendment that modifies the liability provisions concerning “forward-looking statements” to provide that an exemption from liability would also apply to estimates and descriptions of future events presented either in documents or made orally, and that persons providing such statements are not obligated to update them;

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The Wyden amendment that codifies certain SEC financial fraud and disclosure requirements with respect to the auditing of publicly-traded companies;

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Rejected:

The Markey amendment that sought to exempt securities fraud cases involving the purchase or sale of derivative instruments (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 261 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 211);

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The Dingell amendment that sought to permit State and local governments to continue filing securities fraud lawsuits under existing laws for three years after enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 248 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 212);

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The Bryant of Texas amendment that sought to strike language in the provisions for prevention of

“fishing expedition” lawsuits that require the claimant to specify in his initial complaint each statement or omission alleged to be misleading and establish a summary procedure for dismissing flawed pleadings and granting stays of discovery in the interim (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 255 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 213); and

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The Manton amendment that sought to replace the “loser pays” requirements with provisions that would require the attorney for the losing party to pay the legal costs and other expenses of the prevailing party if the court determines that the losing party’s case was brought for an improper purpose, is unwarranted, or lacks evidentiary support, unless the court determines the losing party was principally responsible (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 254 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 214).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Thursday, March 9: Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Product Liability Litigation Reform: House completed all general debate on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, March 9.

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H. Res. 108, the rule which provided for general debate on the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2813.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on pages H2893–95.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2826, H2830–31, H2839–40, H2851–52, H2858, H2863, and H2863–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS AND FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1135, to improve the Commodity Distribution Programs of the Department of Agriculture, to reform and simplify the Food Stamp Program.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Paul W., Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Supreme Court and on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and David H. Souter; John D. Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Political/Military Affairs, Department of State.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on DOE: Environment, Safety and Health; and Environmental Restoration and Waste Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Tara J. O’Toole, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health; and Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department

of the Interior; and Lisa G. Jacobson, Director, Civil Audit, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and on Assistant Secretary for Health, and Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donna E. Shalala, Secretary; Philip R. Lee, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health; and Clifton R. Gans, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from Adm. William D. Studeman, USN, Acting Director, CIA.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Special Access Programs. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Transit Administration. Testimony was heard from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Hershel Gobar, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Community Reinvestment Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Kennedy of Massachusetts; Ricki Tigert Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency; and Jonathan L. Fiechter, Acting Director, OTS; Lawrence B. Lindsey, member, Board of Directors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ECONOMIC FORECASTS—ROLES OF DEFICIT REDUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY

Committee on the Budget: Concluded hearings on Economic Forecasts and the Roles of Deficit Reduction and Productivity. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protection held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Testimony was heard from Joe Dear, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and Dorothy Strunk, former Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor.

FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARDS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Financial Control Boards. Testimony was heard from Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; George V. Voinovich, Governor, State of Ohio; Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor, City of New York; the following former officials of the State of New York: Hugh L. Carey, Governor; and Edward V. Regan, Comptroller; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service continued hearings on general oversight of the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following Governors, U.S. Postal Service: Sam Winters, Chairman; Einar V. Dyhrkopp; Susan E. Alvarado; and Bert H. Mackie.

COMMITTEE FUNDING; NAMING CERTAIN ROOMS IN THE CAPITOL AFTER FORMER REPRESENTATIVE MICHEL; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported the following resolutions: H. Res. 107, amended, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 104th Congress; and H. Res. 65, naming certain rooms in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of former Representative Robert H. Michel.

The Committee also considered other pending Committee business.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa. Testimony was heard from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; John Hicks, Assistant Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Cooperation Development Agency; and public witnesses.

ASIA-U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance Programs in Asia. Testimony was heard from Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Tim Carney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Committee recessed subject to call.

COMMON SENSE LEGAL STANDARDS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 8 to 4, a modified closed rule on H.R. 956, Common Sense Legal Standards Reform Act of 1995. The rule makes in order the text of H.R. 1075 as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. Only the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules are in order. The amendments are considered as read. The amendments may only be offered in the order specified in the report and only by the Member designated in the report. The amendments are not subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The amendments are debatable for the time specified in the report, to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The amendments are: 1. Geren (TX) #25; 2. Schroeder (CO) #54; 3. Hyde (IL) #37; 4. Schumer (NY) #35; 5. Conyers (MI) #60; 6. Watt (NC) #17; 7. Furse (OR) #12; 8. Hyde (IL) #36; 9. Oxley, Burr, Tauzin, Brewster, Coburn, Stenholm #13; 10.

Hoke (OH) #29; 11. Cox (CA) #52; 12. Cox (CA) #51; 13. Dingell (MI) #32; 14. Gekas (PA) #45; and 15. Schumer (NY) #33.

IMPROVE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on legislation to Improve the National Highway System and Ancillary Issues Relating to Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw, Weldon of Florida, Dornan, Filner, Hamilton, Farr, Horn, Gordon, Goodlatte, Payne of Virginia, Sisisky, Blute, Bereuter, Johnson of South Dakota, Buyer, Mica, McIntosh, Roemer, Lazio, Roukema, Reed, Schaefer, Coleman and Ortiz.

Hearings continue March 10.

MEDICARE LEGISLATION; WELFARE TRANSFORMATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1134, Medicare Presidential Budget Savings Extension Act; H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States; H.R. 1157, Welfare Transformation Act of 1995.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D184)

S. 257, to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea. Signed March 7, 1995. (P.L. 104-3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on cost issues of certain farm programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Secret Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Army, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Metropolitan Washington National Airport authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Wilma A. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior; to be followed by a closed briefing on international aspects of petroleum supply, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings to examine welfare reform proposals, focusing on policy goals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the implementation and costs of U.S. policy in Haiti, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to review South Asian proliferation issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to resume mark up of S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on S. 227, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings on the nomination of Dennis M. Duffy, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning, and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 1996 for veterans programs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E558-60 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Federal Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE: General; Science/Biological; and Environmental Re-

search/Basic Energy Sciences, 10 a.m., and on DOE: Fusion/Science Education and Technical Information/Technology partnerships and Economic Competitiveness, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on Russian Aid, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Minerals Management Service, 10 a.m., and on Commission on Fine Arts, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and on Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., and on Health Resources and Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Medical Program, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on National Foreign Intelligence Program, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Office of the Secretary, 10 a.m., and on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on the Community Reinvestment Act, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the U.S. Department of Commerce Fiscal Year 1996 Budget proposal, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the reauthorization of the following: Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act; and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on proposals for cost reduction, improved efficiency and reforms at the Department of Labor, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on the Effectiveness of the National Drug Control Strategy and the Current Status of the Drug War, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy in Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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